

**TOWN OF WEARE CABLE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting 9/7/06 Minutes**

**Meeting called to order @7:07pm**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Will Ottery, Brad Macauley, Paul Hague, Steve Flanders, Dave Abrams, Matt Esenwine

**GUEST:** Selectman Heleen Kurk

Esenwine made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting; motion was seconded by Flanders and approved.

Ottery told the committee that the new Character Generator for the school has arrived, and will be installed in a couple of weeks; this will allow the school to get their Bulletin board backup and running.

Flanders said Integri-sys has been installing the new equipment, and should be done sometime next week. Ottery said he and some other members cleaned up the studio and removed old equipment to help with the installation. Flanders made a list of the inventory.

An email from former member Craig Fuhrman was then discussed. Fuhrman had suggested starting a new program. "What's in Weare?" to spotlight individuals and their businesses in town. Kurk said she spoke with Fuhrman about the idea, and thought that perhaps some John Stark High School students may want to help with it, since they could do it for their public service requirement. Esenwine said he would be willing to work with Kurk to help put the program together, while Macauley and Hague said they would head up its implementation. Esenwine suggested a different title, "Who? What? Weare!" as a means of highlighting the program content; no formal decision on a name was made.

Ottery asked when members would like to have the training session for the new equipment. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the training would be held Sat., Sept. 23 @ 1p.m.

Discussion then took place regarding the future of old and unused equipment (i.e., cables, cameras, etc.) Ottery suggested throwing out or selling the items. Esenwine noted that if the committee wanted to sell things like the old cameras, a "for sale" notice could be placed on the Bulletin Board once approval from the Selectboard was obtained.

In response to a question from Kurk, Maccauley and Hague told the membership the 2007 deliberative session will have to be broadcast on channel 17 (the school's channel) like it was this past year, as the town does not have – to the best of their knowledge – any cable connectivity in either the elementary or middle school. Maccauley impressed upon the necessity of having 'cable drops' around town, specifically the new school, for this very reason.

Kurk told the board that Selectboard Secretary Merry Rice would like a list of all committees' members and asked Ottery for a list of names of cable committee members. Upon confirming

the names of current members, discussion followed as to how many members should be allowed to serve on the committee. It was generally agreed that the current number, 9, was acceptable, as it is an odd number (so as to prevent tie votes) and is reasonably large but not unwieldy. Esenwine noted that anyone in town who wants to get involved with the cable committee can do so as a volunteer, and does not necessarily need to be an actual member of the committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Hague, seconded by Esenwine.

Meeting adjourned @8:02p.m.